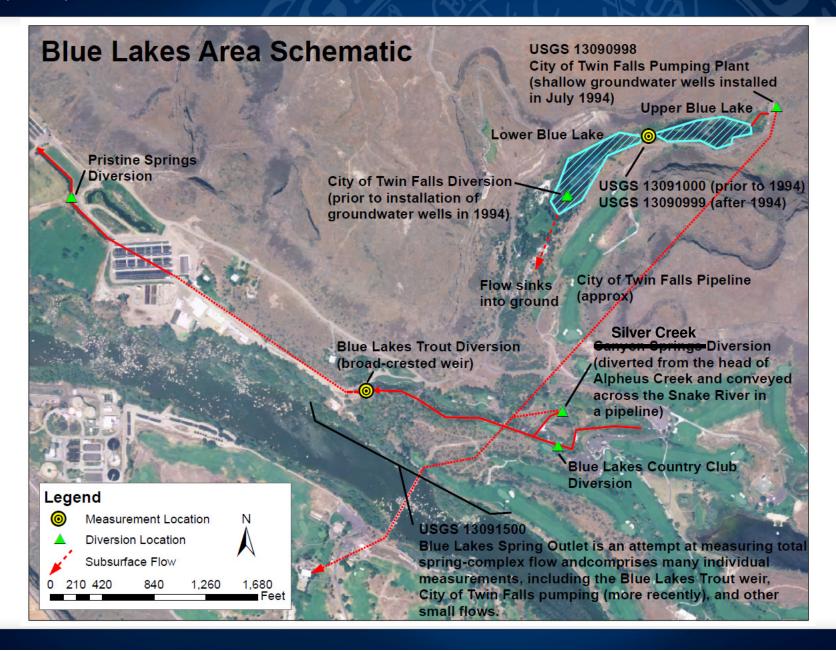


### Blue Lakes Spring Complex

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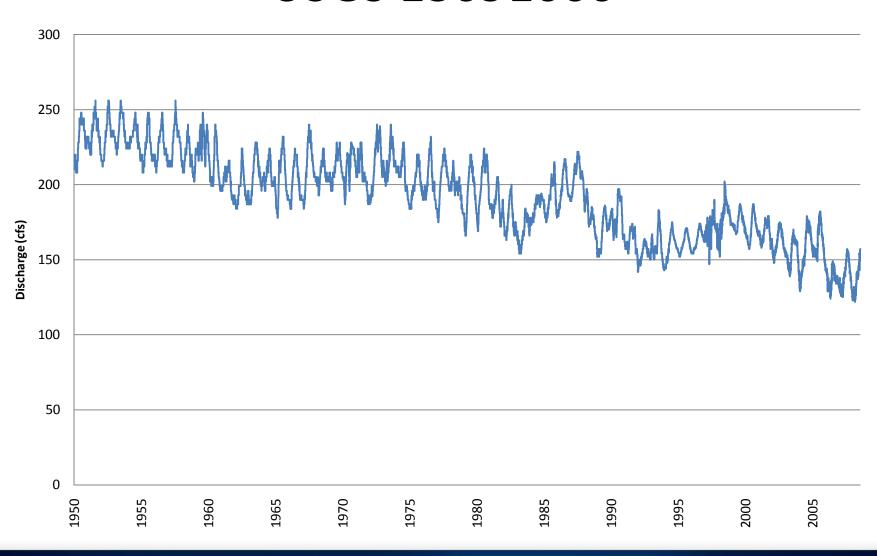


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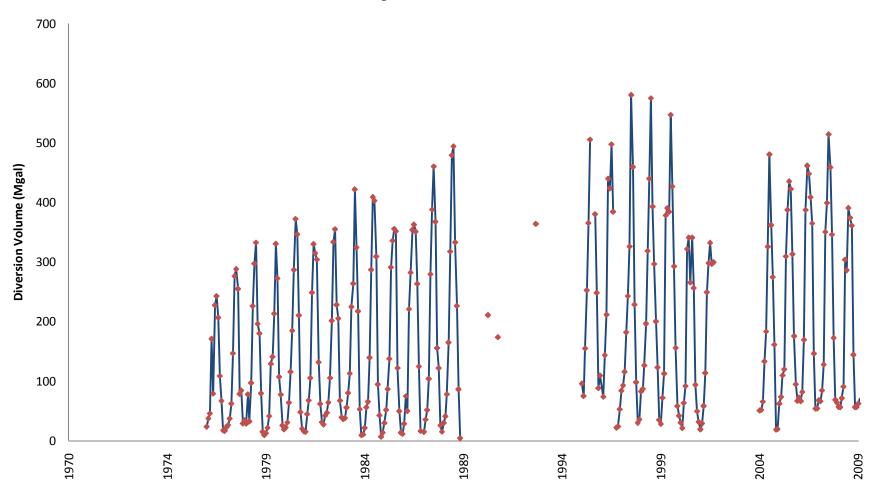


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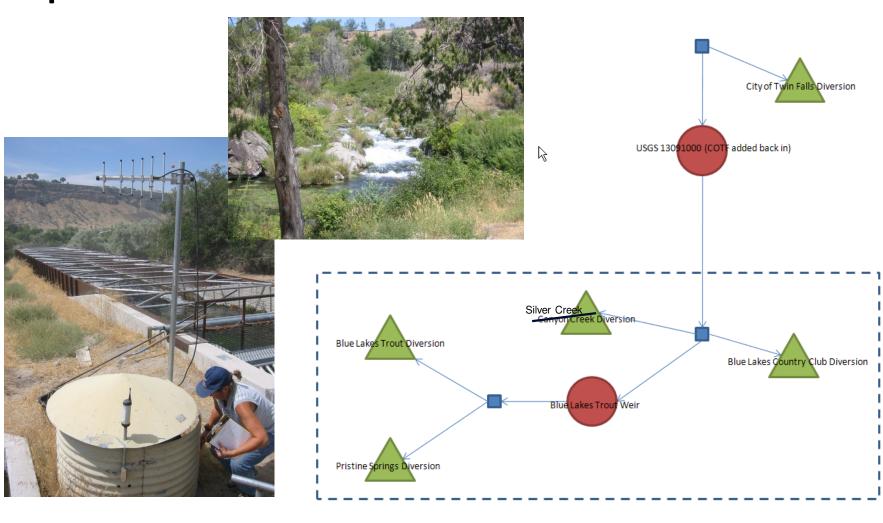


## **COTF Monthly Diversion Volume**





# Alpheus Creek





## Alpheus Creek

#### • Blue Lakes Country Club:

- Measured at a pump on Alpheus Creek.
- Monthly volume is reported however BLCC monitors the rate daily.
- BLCC pumps only at night (0.5 to 1 cfs)
- "Rotation agreement" with other parties on Alpheus Creek allows them to pump higher than their water right rate.

#### • Silver Creek:

- Headgate on Alpheus Creek diverts water into a pipe that crosses the Snake River.
- Flow is measured by an insertable flow meter in the pipe. Silver Creek monitors the rate weekly and Cindy Yenter monitors it monthly.
- Usually only in priority during the winter months and diverts at a maximum of 6 cfs.

#### Blue Lakes Trout Weir:

- Broad-crested weir maintained by Blue Lakes Trout
- BLT monitors the rate daily and reports weekly. Cindy Yenter checks the flow atleast once per month.



### Weir Maintenance

21% difference

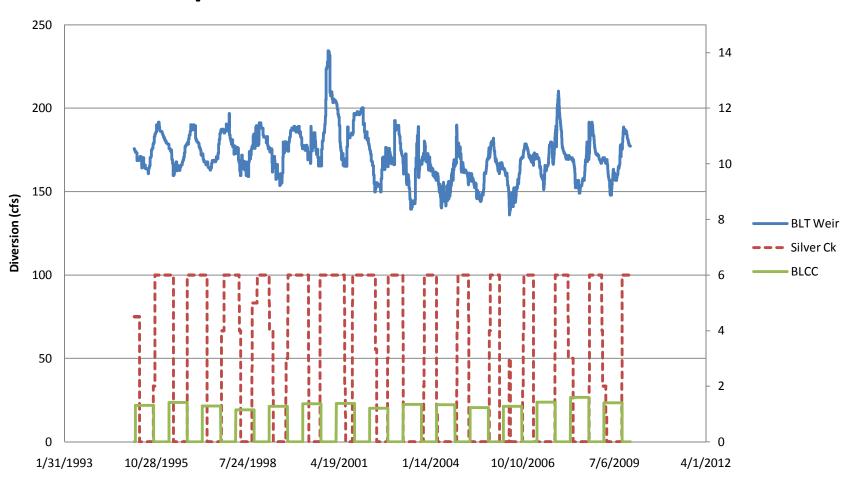
5% difference

- Severe mossing going back to '05 or '06
  - Before cleaning:
    - Weir measured 165 cfs
    - ADCP measurement of 137 cfs
  - After cleaning:
    - Weir measured 131 cfs

    - ADCP measurement of 125 cfs
- Submergence
  - At very low flows
  - When hatchery checks up the water above their raceways to improve water quality
- Cindy Yenter is actively helping BLT improve their management of the weir



## **Alpheus Creek Diversions**





### Data Availability

- 13091000
  - -4/1/1950 to current (daily)
- COTF
  - 11/30/1995 to current (daily)
  - Jan 1977 to current (monthly)
- BLCC, Silver Ck, and BLT weir
  - 3/1/1995 to current (daily estimates)
    - based on Cindy Yenter's knowledge of the diversions and weekly/monthly reported values



### **COTF Diversion Considerations**

- Pump tests have revealed an 8 hour response time between the COTF pumps and the BLT weir
- Cindy estimates that the COTF can pump up to 20 cfs without influencing flows at the weir.

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